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thing that has provided more impetus for a more equal education than anything else that's ever happened in history and, frankly, I'm surprised the courts have let the school districts across this United States do it. But apparently they have, and you may speak more to that, I don't know. I didn't like it. I didn't think it was going to be helpful, and apparently it's not. But I guess my question is to you, and I would give you the rest of my time, what can we do about it and how can we do it through cutting this money out of this bill?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Schimek, I do not know what others on the floor are going to do, but I've talked about these problems in the Omaha Public Schools from time to time but never in as concentrated a way as I'm doing now, because we have a bill that enables me to put a hurting on OPS if they don't do the right thing. We could say all...we're going to...we're going to allocate the money that the state gives to Omaha Public Schools. We're going to say if money comes from the state this money is going to be spent for textbooks in those segregated schools; this money is spent for staffing in those segregated schools, and direct the money, which the Legislature is not going to do. The reason I don't make those specific recommendations, because I know they're not going to be followed by the members of the Legislature. The reason I gave all those articles is to show the multitude of problems that have come into being based on false and broken promises made by school officials. I didn't just make you rely on what I said. I gave you articles which showed the promises being made, then articles showing the promises being violated where the schools acknowledged they promised to put these teachers and the things that I've mentioned before into these segregated schools, then admissions by them after they got the bond issue they wanted...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that they did not keep those promises. Here it is in 2001 and, after I've been blasting them because they want LB 305, they come out with a watered-down article,